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SUBJ: CIVAIR: KCAB RESTRICTION ON FLYING TIGER SCHEDULE

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1. EMBOFF WAS UNABLE TO VERIFY PROPOSED SCHEDULE WITH LOCAL FLYING TIGER REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS AWAY FROM SEOUL AT THIS TIME. FROM PREVIOUS INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM, IT APPEARS THAT PROPOSED SCHEDULE NOTED PARA 1 RREFTEL IS SUBSTANTIVELY CORRECT.
2. EMBASSY OFFICER TOOK UP THE MATTER WITH YOON YOUNG-DUK, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECTION, KOREA CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU (KCAB) DRAWING ON RATIONALE AND POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION, EMBOFF HANDED YOON A SYNOPSIS OF THE POINTS SET FORTH IN PARA 3.
3. AFTER PERUSING THE WRITTEN POINTS, YOON STATED THAT HE WAS PUZZLED BY THE U.S. INTERPRETATION OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND COULD NOT ACCEPT OUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER. YOON POINTED OUT THAT THE MARCH 1971 ANNEX TO THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

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SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT THE AIR ROUTES FOR U.S. DESIGNATED AIRLINES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WAS "FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIA POINTS IN JAPAN TO SEOUL AND BEYOND". YOON CONTINUED THAT IF FLYING TIGERS FLEW TO JAPAN AND THEN STRAIGHT TO TAIPEI, THIS COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED THE "BEYOND" ACCORDING TO THE TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BUT WAS, IN FACT, ANOTHER

ROUTE. NOR COULD HE ACCEPT THAT TAIPEI BECAME THE ORIGINATING POINT OF A NEW FLIGHT VIA SEOUL TO THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO YOON, SEOUL IN THIS CASE BECAME THE INTERMEDIATE POINT ON ANOTHER ROUTING (U.S.-TAIPEI) WHICH WAS NOT INTENDED IN TERMS OF THE BILATERAL. YOON CLAIMED THAT THE "POINTS" WHICH COULD BE OMITTED ON FLIGHTS APPLIED ONLY TO "POINTS IN JAPAN".

4. YOON STATED THAT THE KCAB WOULD CONSIDER A FLYING TIGER SCHEDULE WHICH WOULD OMIT THE INTERMEDIATE POINTS IN JAPAN. HIS PROPOSED SCHEDULE WOULD BE THAT FLYING TIGER WOULD FLY FROM THE UNITED STATES TO SEOUL AND BEYOND TO TAIPEI AND RETURN TO SEOUL FROM TAIPEI AND FLY DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. EMBOFF STATED HE WOULD PASS KCAB'S POSITION ON TO WASHINGTON BUT NOTED THAT KCAB'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE IN THIS AND OTHER AIR TRANSPORT PROBLEMS (ABC CHARTERS) MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE USG TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON SIMILAR MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE ROK.
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